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cess in maintaining biotic communities, and

WHEREAS, the forest ecosystems of some of the most cherished areas are endangered by subtle ecological changes, and

WHEREAS, these ecological changes are occurring because "protection" programs frequently alter the very factors that produced unique plant and animal communities, and

WHEREAS, fire is perhaps the single most important environmental factor being excluded, and

WHEREAS, many species of wildlife are adapted to early successional plant communities, and

WHEREAS, maintenance of a variety of plant and animal communities is a desirable objective,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges alteration of public land policy so that a natural fire regime is acceptable where fire was a significant environmental influence on vegetation and, where natural fires cannot be tolerated, employ prescribed and controlled burning to replace the natural fire regime.

### **Resolution 13**

#### **RELEASE OF AUTHORIZED POLLUTION ABATEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has authorized five billion dollars for F.Y. 1973 and six billion dollars for F.Y. 1974 for Federal grants for construction of pollution abatement facilities, by local governments under provisions of PL 92-500; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has impounded six billion dollars of this authorization; and

WHEREAS, pollution abatement needs now existing require the commitment of the full authorized amounts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges that the President of the United States comply with the provisions of PL 92-500 by directing release of the total authorized eleven billion dollars for Fiscal Years 1973 and 1974 to meet the pollution abatement needs of our local governments.

### **Resolution 14**

#### **USE OF AIRCRAFT BY CONSERVATION AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) has recently refused to reissue to the States of Nevada and California, Departments of Fish and Game, waiver of certain regulations on low flying; and

WHEREAS, we have been advised that the FAA intends to deny all waiver requests from state and Federal agencies in the future; and

WHEREAS, low flying is vital to the success of many fish and wildlife projects, including law enforcement missions; and

WHEREAS, conservation flying has been conducted over many years in accordance with such waivers in a safe manner, without hazard to the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners petitions the Administrator, FAA, for relief from this act of refusal, either by reissuance of said waivers, or by other form of exemption or regulation as is deemed necessary, in order that the states may carry on with their normal work routines.